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a² 34. (Amended) The confection cup assembly according to claim 32, and further comprises a friction enhancer provided on at least one of the collar and sleeve.

a³ 42. (Amended) The sleeve according to claim 52, wherein the bottom wall of the sleeve comprises at least one air passage extending therethrough.

43. (Amended) The sleeve according to claim 52, wherein the sleeve body tapers in a direction away from the open top.

a⁴ 45. (Amended) The sleeve according to claim 52, wherein the friction enhancer is provided on the sleeve adjacent the upper edge.

46. (Amended) The sleeve according to claim 52, wherein the frictional material is rubber.

Kindly add claims 52-80 as shown below.

52. (New) A sleeve for a confection cup assembly for mixing the ingredients for a confection comprising a cup and a collar, the cup having a cup body defining a cup recess with an open top and a closed bottom, and the collar having an insert portion sized to be slidably received within the cup open top and into the cup recess, the sleeve comprising:

(a⁵) 5 a sleeve body defining a sleeve recess for receiving the cup, the sleeve body having a bottom wall for supporting the bottom wall of the cup and a peripheral wall extending away from the bottom wall and terminating in an upper edge to define an open top providing access to the sleeve recess, and

10 a friction enhancer comprising a piece of frictional material provided on the sleeve for increasing the resistance between the sleeve and the cup when a sleeve is received in the cup.

53. (New) A sleeve for a confection cup assembly for mixing the ingredients for a confection, the cup assembly comprising a cup and a collar, the cup having a cup body defining a cup recess with an open top and a closed bottom, and the collar having an insert portion sized to be slidably received within the cup open top and into the cup recess, the sleeve comprising:

5 a sleeve body defining a sleeve recess for receiving the cup, the sleeve body having a bottom wall for supporting the bottom wall of the cup and a peripheral wall extending

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10 away from the bottom wall and terminating in an upper edge to define an open top providing access to the sleeve recess, and at least one longitudinal slot extending through the peripheral wall to permit the sleeve body to be deflected into the sleeve recess and thereby permit the application of a compressive force to the cup when the cup is received within the sleeve recess to frictionally restrain the cup from movement relative to the sleeve body.

54. (New) The sleeve according to claim 53, wherein the bottom wall of the sleeve comprises at least one air passage extending therethrough.

55. (New) The sleeve according to claim 53, wherein the sleeve body tapers in a direction away from the open top.

56. (New) The sleeve according to claim 53, and further comprising a friction enhancer provided on the sleeve.

57. (New) The sleeve according to claim 56, wherein the friction enhancer comprises a frictional material.

58. (New) The sleeve according to claim 56, wherein the friction enhancer comprises at least one protrusion extending outwardly from an interior surface of the sleeve.

59. (New) The sleeve according to claim 58, wherein the protrusion is an annular rib.

60. (New) The sleeve according to claim 58, wherein the protrusion is an embossment.

61. (New) The sleeve according to claim 58, wherein the protrusion is a longitudinal rib extending away from an interior surface of the sleeve.

62. (New) A confection cup assembly for mixing the ingredients for a confection in a cup, the cup comprising a cup body having an open top, the cup body defining a cup recess, the cup open top providing access to the cup recess, and a bottom wall closing the cup opposite the cup open top, the confection cup assembly comprising:

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5 a sleeve comprising a sleeve body, an open top, and a bottom wall closing the sleeve opposite the open top, the sleeve body defining a sleeve recess, the sleeve open top providing access to the sleeve recess, and at least one longitudinal slot extending through the peripheral wall to permit the sleeve body to be deflected into the sleeve recess and thereby permit the application of a compressive force to the cup when the cup is received within the sleeve recess to
10 frictionally restrain the cup from movement relative to the sleeve body;

a collar having an insert portion sized to be slidably received within the sleeve open top and into the cup recess when a cup is received within the sleeve; and

a portion of the sleeve overlapping a portion of the collar insert portion when the collar is inserted within the cup when a cup is received within the sleeve to compress the cup between the
15 overlapping portion of the sleeve and collar and frictionally retain the cup therebetween.

63. (New) The confection cup assembly according to claim 62, and further comprises a friction enhancer provided on at least one of the collar and sleeve.

64. (New) The confection cup assembly according to claim 63, wherein the friction enhancer comprises a frictional material.

65. (New) The confection cup assembly according to claim 63, wherein the friction enhancer comprises at least one protrusion extending outwardly from an exterior surface of the insert portion.

66. (New) The confection cup assembly according to claim 62, wherein the collar further comprises an extension portion extending above the open top of the sleeve when the collar is inserted in the sleeve.

67. (New) The confection cup assembly according to claim 66, wherein the junction of the extension portion and the insert portion forms a shoulder that abuts the open top to limit the insertion of the collar into the sleeve.

68. (New) A confection cup assembly for mixing the ingredients for a confection, the confection cup assembly comprising:

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5 a cup comprising a cup body having an open top, the cup body defining a cup recess, the cup open top providing access to the cup recess, and a bottom wall closing the cup opposite the cup open top;

a collar having an insert portion sized to be slidably received within the cup open top and into the cup recess; and

10 a sleeve comprising a sleeve body having an open top, the sleeve body defining a sleeve recess and the sleeve open top providing access to the sleeve recess, the sleeve being sized to slidably receive the cup, and at least one longitudinal slot extending through the peripheral wall to permit the sleeve body to be deflected into the sleeve recess and thereby permit the application of a compressive force to the cup to frictionally restrain the cup from movement relative to the sleeve body; and

aS 15 a portion of the sleeve overlaps a portion of the collar insert portion when the cup is inserted into the sleeve and the collar is inserted into the cup to compress the cup therebetween and frictionally the cup therebetween.

69. (New) The confection cup assembly according to claim 68, wherein the cup exterior profile and the sleeve recess interior profile are complementary at least along a portion of the cup extending into the sleeve recess.

70. (New) The confection cup assembly according to claim 69, and further comprises a friction enhancer provided on at least one of the collar and sleeve.

71. (New) The confection cup assembly according to claim 70, wherein the friction enhancer comprises a frictional material.

72. (New) The confection cup assembly according to claim 71, wherein the friction enhancer comprises at least one protrusion extending outwardly from an exterior surface of the insert portion.

73. (New) The confection cup assembly according to claim 68, wherein the collar further comprises an extension portion extending above the open top of the cup when the sleeve is received within the cup.

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74. (New) The confection cup assembly according to claim 73, wherein the junction of the extension portion and the insert portion forms a shoulder that abuts the open top to limit the insertion of the collar into the cup.

75. (New) A confection cup assembly for mixing the ingredients for a confection in a cup, the cup comprising a cup body having an open top, the cup body defining a cup recess, the cup open top providing access to the cup recess, and a bottom wall closing the cup opposite the cup open top, the confection cup assembly comprising:

5 a collar having an insert portion sized to be slidably received within the cup open top and into the cup recess; and

10 a sleeve comprising a sleeve body, an open top, and a bottom wall closing the sleeve opposite the open top, the sleeve body defining a sleeve recess, the sleeve open top providing access to the sleeve recess, at least one longitudinal slot extending through the peripheral wall to permit the sleeve body to be deflected into the sleeve recess and thereby permit the application of a compressive force to the cup when the cup is received within the sleeve recess to frictionally restrain the cup from movement relative to the sleeve body, and the sleeve being sized to slidably receive the cup such that at least a portion of the sleeve bottom wall is in abutting relationship with at least a portion of the cup bottom wall when the cup is received within the sleeve recess.

76. (New) The confection cup assembly according to claim 75, and further comprises a friction enhancer provided on at least one of the collar and sleeve.

77. (New) The confection cup assembly according to claim 76, wherein the friction enhancer comprises a frictional material.

78. (New) The confection cup assembly according to claim 76, wherein the friction enhancer comprises at least one protrusion extending outwardly from an exterior surface of the insert portion.

79. (New) The confection cup assembly according to claim 81, wherein the collar further comprises an extension portion extending above the open top of the sleeve when the cup is received within the sleeve.

80. (New) The confection cup assembly according to claim 79, wherein the junction